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POWER FAILURE IN WESTERN REGION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has protested and lodged complaint against Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board for failure of grid;

(b) whether the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board has overdrawn;

(c) how many times it has happened during last 3 months;

(d) the measures taken to see that such failure does not become a routine; and

(e) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : As per information available, no such complaint has been received from Government of Maharashtra. However, Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) had written a letter to Western Regional Load Despatch Centre (WRLDC) and Western Regional Electricity Board (WREB) regarding low voltage profile in Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board (MPSEB) system prior to partial grid disturbances that occurred in Western Region (WR) on 5.11.2003 and 7.11.2003.

(b) : MPSEB was not overdrawing active power at the time of the above partial grid disturbances.

(c) : Partial grid disturbances occurred in the Western Region four times in the last 3 months i.e. 6th October, 5th & 7th November and 6th December, 2003.

(d) & (e) : The matter relating to partial grid disturbance of 6th October, 2003 was discussed at the Western Regional Electricity Board (WREB) forum when the concerned authorities were advised to take corrective measures such as regulation off loading on transmission lines and improve substation maintenance.

With respect to the grid disturbances in WR on 5th & 7th November, 2003, an enquiry committee was constituted by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) under the Chairmanship of Member Secretary, WREB. The Committee has given a number of recommendations for implementation for avoiding such occurrence in future. Following the grid disturbances on 5th & 7th November, 2003, Secretary, Ministry of Power, Government of India also took a meeting with all the constituents of WR and Central Public Sector Undertakings concerned at Mumbai on 12th November, 2003, when immediate preventive measures to be taken by the constituents of WR and by Regional Load Despatch Centre (RLDC) to contain low voltage and overloading of lines were identified. It was agreed that the WR States will install shunt capacitors in their respective system as per targets fixed for 2003-04 by WREB and expedite implementation of approved transmission lines. Further, it was also decided that the Standing Committee of WR power system planning will analyze and suggest short, medium and long term measures for augmentation/strengthening of transmission system in WR.